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SUBJ: MAY 7 EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN AND AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS) -  
ROUNDUP

1. SUMMARY. THE MAY 7 COUNCIL SESSION (FOREIGN MINISTERS AND  
AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS MEETING JOINTLY) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES  
DEVOTED ITS ATTENTION ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO A CONSIDERATION OF THE  
ITALIAN SPECIAL IMPORT MEASURES (SEE SEPTTEL). A CONCURRENT BUT  
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SEPARATE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS WAS ALSO HELD TO

DISCUSS PURELY AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE ITALIAN MEASURES. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE MEASURES, THE COUNCIL'S REGULAR AGENDA RECEIVED SCANT ATTENTION, WITH MOST ITEMS DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AT A LATER DATE. THE COUNCIL DID AGREE, HOWEVER, ON A STATEMENT CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES, AND ON THE MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IAEA IN CONNECTION WITH THE VOLUNTARY BRITISH SAFEGUARDS OFFER UNDER THE NPT (SEE SEPTTEL, AND ARE CONTINUING WORK ON THE ACP MANDATE. END SUMMARY.

2. RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED RELATIONS WITH THE STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES AND CONFIRMED THAT HENCEFORTH ALL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE COMMUNITY. IF REQUESTED BY A STATE-TRADING COUNTRY, THE COMMUNITY WAS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRADE AGREEMENT. THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED TO AUTHORIZE THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TO REPEAT INFORMALLY AND ORALLY TO COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL FEDAYEV THE RESPONSE WHICH THE DANISH AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 1973, THAT IS, THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD TAKEN NOTE OF HIS INFORMAL DEMARCHE AND THAT IF COMECON WISHED TO TAKE THE MATTER FURTHER, IT SHOULD APPROACH THE EC COMMISSION.

3. REGIONAL POLICY. THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THAT A DECISION ON THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND WAS URGENT, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE "IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REVIEW OF THE GENERAL

SITUATION OF THE COMMUNITY". IN COMMUNITY LANGUAGE, THE COUNCIL WAS SIMPLY STATING THAT A DECISION ON THE FUND COULD NOT BE TAKEN IN ISOLATION FROM THE BRITISH REQUEST FOR RENEGOTIATION, AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

4. COOPERATION AGREEMENTS, BUDGETARY POWERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, AND RELATIONS WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO DISCUSS THESE SUBJECTS AT THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION (FOREIGN MINISTERS) ON JUNE 4.

5. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES. THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THE DRAFT MANDATE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ACP COUNTRIES--PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF THE TREATMENT TO BE GRANTED BY THE COMMUNITY FOR ACP EXPORTS OF CAP COVERED ITEMS. THE MEMBER STATES WERE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON A PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT BASIS, AS PROPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION (EC BRUSSELS A-121). THE UK, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMMUNITY GRANT FURTHER CONCESSIONS ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS, E.G. BEEF, CANNED GRAPEFRUIT, TOBACCO, FRESH CITRUS. THE

ITALIANS AND THE IRISH BOTH TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE UK CALL FOR  
FURTHER CONCESSIONS ON THESE PRODUCTS. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON  
THE HANDLING OF SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THE ACP'S.  
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